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## Got Gas?

Whether students are planning to spend the summer traveling or simply driving to and from work, they will have to deal with the increasing price of gas. According to http://www.gaspricewatch.com, the national average is $3.57 a gallon. Why is gas so expensive? Are greedy oil company executives to blame? The biggest cause of the problem may come as a surprise.

This campaign season, the candidates have been quick to criticize oil companies for making "record profits." An article on Sen. Barack Obama's campaign Web site states that he "fought to eliminate the tax giveaways to oil companies... oil companies that have spent half a billion dollars lobbying Congress in the last ten years while their profits have risen to record highs."

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# Fort Wayne stands against violence: Two peace rallies, marches, and a vigil in one day

By DANEIL JEHL
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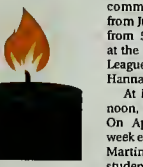
Last weekend, over 400 attended a rally and march against violence in the community. The events were held because of the recent spree of nine homicides in one week, and the thirteenth of the year just over a week ago. The city of Fort Wayne held a vigil and had testimonials at night with 13 lit candles for each of the homicides in the city.

"Peace in the Streets Rally" was the first event of the day. The march began at South Anthony Blvd. and went two miles to the new McDonalds near SouthTown Center. At the rally, Rev. Arthur Wilson from New Covenant Worship Center said, "We have an enemy. We are taking back our community, and we are taking a stand. The enemy is violence, and change begins by taking a stand against it."

Then came the march. Following the police motorcade were the community group "Peace in the Streets, Inc.", the Urban League's S.T.E.P.S. youth program and Harding High School parents with their kids. Bringing up the rear were three WILD 98.3 vans with bottled water and Hip Hop and R & B music playing to and for the crowds.

Jonathon Ray, Director of the Urban League, hoped the outcome of the event would be change in the community for peace. "We can't forget the recent homicides and we need to emphasize it. We just had the ten-year anniversary of Columbine. We should not wait for an anniversary to act."

Rev. Phillip Johnson, one of the community leaders, said he is active: "to help make change due to what's going on and promote working together as one, both black and white, and help parents understand. We need the parents to help stop the violence."



Marche Solomon brought her eight-year old Jahari Burrert for that very reason. Ms. Solomon said, "I want to show my son the main idea is to keep peace and we need to stop the violence; and so we are both here to support the community."

For Larry and Betsy Carswell, it was all about family. Larry Carswell said, "This is personal for us. This has a personal focus as it should for everyone."

There are more planned events. The Urban League is having three straight nights of community meetings from June 3-5, with each from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Fort Wayne Urban League on Creighton and Hannah Streets.

At IPFW in the afternoon, there was a vigil. On April 18, barely a week earlier, Liette "Lola" Martinez, an exchange student from Las Cruces, New Mexico, was stabbed to death in her apartment at Waterfield Campus student housing. Tina Morris, the mother of one of Martinez's roommates has been arrested and charged. About 100 held an afternoon vigil in her memory outside her apartment in student housing.

Again at IPFW that night, it was Take Back the Night, the second annual march and rally to stop the violence against women and children. Mayor Tom Henry issued a proclamation. The event was organized by a number of IPFW organizations and local community groups. Over 100 marched while chanting, "Two, four, six eight: no more date rape."

The purpose was also to raise awareness and end violence, including physical abuse violence and violence against children. The group lit 31 candles depicting the number of homicides since the first annual Take Back the Night a year ago.

Channel 15 News, Fort Wayne, reported on the 11:00 evening news that police had been called to a shooting of an unidentified person in the face near North Reed Road. Later they learned it was a paintball gun. The fact this was not the fourteenth homicide of the year may be a sign of hope.

One thing is certain. The residents of Fort Wayne are ready to take a stand—to stop the violence.

## Campus Calendar

IPFW

**May 1–7, 2008**

**1** **ACCS Express Lane Résumé Critiques:** KT 109, noon–2 p.m. Call 16595.

**Library Exhibition:** "The Illustrated Journals of Jauneth Skinner," handmade books and mixed media prints; continues through May 16. Call 16053.

**Theatre Event:** *Wonderful Town*, WT, 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 16555.

**2** **Athletics Event:** Softball v. Centenary College, 3 p.m. Call 10713.

**Chemistry Seminar:** "The Floyd Landis Sports Doping Case as Evaluated by a Forensic Analytical Chemist," Robert Blackledge of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service Regional Forensic Lab in San Diego (retired); SB 176, 12:15 p.m.

**Theatre Event:** *Wonderful Town*, WT, 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 16555.

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**4** **Theatre Event:** *Wonderful Town*, WT, 2 p.m. For ticket information, call 16555.

**5** **Last week of classes and final exams**

**Spanish Table:** WU Cafeteria, noon. Call 16689 or e-mail confortm@ipfw.edu.

**Eating Disorder Support Group:** WU 234, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Call 16647.

**6** **Concert:** Fort Wayne Area Community Band, Auer Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m. Adults $5, Seniors $4, Students $2, Children 5 and under free. Call 16714.

**7** **ACCS Express Lane Résumé Critiques:** KT 109, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Call 16595.

**2nd Annual IPFW ComFest Student Video Screening:** WU G21, 7–10 p.m. Call 15792.

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# Student Investing 101

## Movin' on out

By JESSIE RUCKMAN
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Recently, I received two shiny brass keys that unlock the door to my new place – my very own half of a duplex with wood floors and an abundance of windows. That is a dream come true, but there's a financial nightmare waiting to be told. Regardless of how exciting it is to gain complete independence, it pays to save your cash. Prepare yourself before you just go jumping into a lease.

Do you have furniture? A coffeemaker, toilet paper, or booze money? Do you enjoy going out to lunch with the gang whenever you want? These are some things to consider. I am an older student, so I have been preparing for my break from the 'rents for a while now. I also have a full-time job, so I paid off my furniture, bought high quality things (instead of junk that will need to be replaced in a year), artwork, miscellaneous supplies, etc. long before the big moving day.

I know, living with your parents is a foul way to spend your collegiate years, but prepare yourself for freedom by acting like an adult: save your money for a good long while before you go jumping into the world. Make a list of things you think you may need – then look around again and add to the list, because you are bound to find more stuff that will drain your dollars if you aren't prepared. Here's an example of what one can spend, and it's pretty conservative if you don't have the basics, such as a bed or a washer & dryer. Let me break it down for you:

**"Prepare yourself for freedom by acting like an adult: save your money"**

- **Deposit + First Month's Rent: $885**
- **Pet Deposit: $75**
- **Movers: $390**
- **Cleaning Supplies: $50**
- **Renter's Insurance: $265 (per year)**
- **Shelving & Storage: $150**
- **Groceries (Laundry Supplies, Batteries, Light bulbs): $200**
- **Dishes, Pots & Pans, etc: $450 (but you can spend anywhere from $25 to the sky, depending on funds and taste.)**

Bottom line: unless you are really prepared for life on your own, there is really no need to rush out from under your parents' roof.

Unless, of course, they still see you as a twelve-year-old, or you still have a curfew. In that case . . . RUN!

*The Communicator failed to mention two people who were recognized as Banquet Award Recipients. Mariah K. Spahr and Heidi E. Wheeler were also recognized for Sociology.

*The author of last week's article entitled "Witzigreuter: Top Talent in Fort Wayne" was written by Andrew Swanson.

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# Ted Danson behind the bar again

## The former Cheers star serves drinks in Fort Wayne for the Hillary campaign

Photo courtesy of RottenTomatoes.com

By DANEIL JEHL
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Yogi Berra said: "This is like déjà vu all over again." And more than 100 Hillary for President supporters experienced it as they viewed Ted Danson, or Sam Malone of "Cheers" fame, promote Hillary for President from behind the bar at the Green Frog in Fort Wayne on April 19.

Danson addressed Sen. Hillary Clinton supporters from behind the bar, evoking memories of Cheers. He explained he was there as a "friend of Hillary and Bill (Clinton)," again a reminder of Cheers "where everyone knows your name."

Danson said: "The last thing you need to do is listen to an actor to talk politics, especially one named Sam Malone." He explained that his own wife, Mary Steenburgen, was actually the better family speaker for Clinton, making him the "second best" in the Danson family.

In explaining both are friends of the Clintons, he said: "I'm here because I'm a friend. Bill [Clinton] gave my wife away at our wedding."

Why Sen. Clinton? Danson said: "I am a Hillary fan to the end because she is one of the brightest people I have ever met. I want someone who can take the punches, and nobody has taken more punches than Hillary. It's (the presidency) the hardest job in the world. The only reason you would want to go there is to serve."

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As for the importance of voting in the upcoming May 6 primary, Danson struck a chord when he said, "How cool is this? Literally, your vote will choose the next president of the United States."

After his remarks, one attendee asked: "Will Hillary ever wear a skirt?"

Danson quipped, "Maybe when Obama wears a kilt."

The Green Frog owner Cindy Henry, who is married to Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, introduced Danson and welcomed the Sen. Clinton supporters.

This marked the seventh 2008 campaign stop in Fort Wayne since the day after St. Patrick's Day, when former President William Jefferson Clinton made Fort Wayne history with his visit to the Grand Wayne Center. These 2008 campaign events have involved either the Obama for America or Hillary for President candidates or their heavy hitters. Chelsea Clinton was at IPFW the day before Ted Danson's Green Frog visit.

When Mayor Henry was asked how he decides which events to attend, he said attends each one he is invited to unless there is a major schedule conflict.

Henry said the message is out there that Fort Wayne welcomes the campaigns. He said: "I want people to know our city is open to all. It's not that I am endorsing anyone."

Barb Brachoff, member of local AFSCME, over 1,000 local public employees explained her attending the event by saying: "I support Hillary, and my union supports Hillary; and Ted Danson is sexy."

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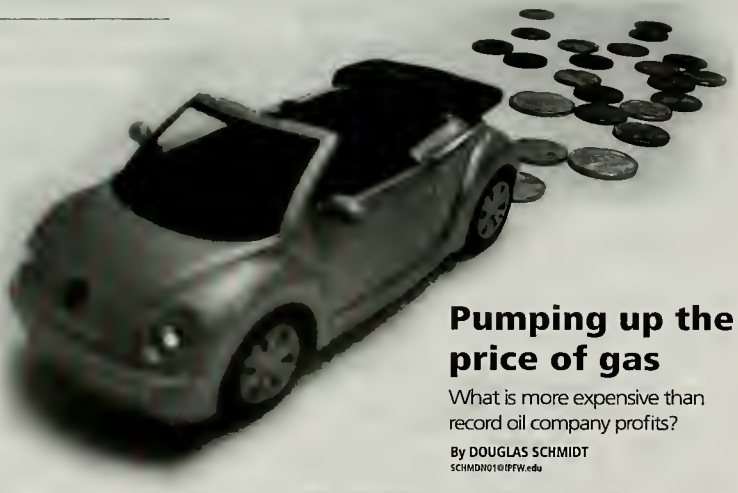

# Pumping up the price of gas

## What is more expensive than record oil company profits?

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At Sen. Hillary Clinton's site, an article says that the former first lady plans to "take on the oil companies and harness their record profits to create millions of clean energy jobs... People have been paying through the roof at the pump, and it's time the companies paid their fair share."

Just how big are these "record profits"?

According to http://money.cnn.com, Exxon Mobil made $40 billion in profits in 2007. While this is certainly an enormous sum, it does not necessarily indicate unethical business practices or price gouging. A far more significant figure is the company's profit margin.

Exxon Mobil's profit margin was 10.9 percent in 2007. Proctor & Gamble, however, had a profit margin of 13.5 percent. Proctor & Gamble is a smaller company with dramatically lower revenues than Exxon Mobile. If Proctor & Gamble were as large as Exxon Mobil, it would have made $50 billion, far more profit than any oil company.

Other oil companies operate on an even smaller profit margin than Exxon Mobil. Chevron had an 8.9 percent profit margin in 2007, ConocoPhillips had 6.7 percent and Valero Energy had only 5.4 percent.

If we are looking for the real reason why gasoline is so expensive, there is a far more significant factor than oil company profits: taxes. In Indiana, 50.1 cents of every gallon of gas goes to the state and federal government. The federal gas tax is 18.4 cents per gallon. This means that, when you pay $3.57 for a gallon of gas, the state and federal government takes 14.1 percent, far more than the average oil company's profits.

Another important factor is inflation. Imagine that the government wanted to pay for two wars in the Middle East without increasing taxes. To do so, it could simply print more money. Unfortunately, adding to the money supply dilutes the purchasing power of the money already in circulation.

**"Candidates have been quick to criticize oil companies for making record profits."**

Using M2 figures, the money supply has increased by over $500 billion since the start of 2007. Partly due to this increase in the money supply, the purchasing power of the dollar has decreased. According to the Consumer Price Index, the dollar has lost 4.28 percent of its purchasing power since 2007. Many non-government sources show even greater loss.

This loss of purchasing power means that increasing the money supply is effectively the same as increasing taxes: more money for the government and less money for individuals. Exxon Mobile, ConocoPhillips and Valero Energy have an average profit margin of 7.9 percent. Including inflation and gasoline taxes, the government increases the cost of a gallon of gas by 18.38 percent, more than double oil company profits.

Even if the government forced oil companies to operate on zero profits, it would not help Americans as much as controlling inflation and ending gasoline taxes. However, regardless of who wins the election, it will likely be the oil companies that continue to be blamed for the high price of gas.

# Watch your mouth! "Gay" is not an insult

By Chris Schlarb
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Imagine being a student, waiting for the professor to start class, and some people sitting behind you are chatting. Then you hear "That is so gay." The whole class hears the phrase that was spoken and no one says anything. Now imagine if you were a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender or Ally (GLBTA) individual, sitting in that same class, hearing that phrase, time after time. How would you feel?

Every time I hear "that's so gay" it makes me sick to my stomach. It's astonishing that a phrase, which is hate speech, is spoken so much and not interrupted. I decided to write this article to educate the general public on what people are saying and the effects of that phrase on others. By writing this article, I want to help individuals feel safe to be who they are and not worry about being ridiculed because of it. We can only accomplish this by speaking out for one another.

When someone says "That is so gay," what word is the word "gay" replacing? Normally, it's a word like "lame" or "stupid." When the word "gay" is used in that context, it has a negative or derogatory meaning. So avoid looking hateful by not saying "gay" in a derogatory manner.

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## Top 10 Household Tips

**10.** Can't afford health insurance? An apple a day keeps the doctor away, if you whip it at his head hard enough.

**9.** Ladies, you can save ten minutes each night by removing your makeup with a belt sander.

**8.** You can save money on gas by never leaving your parents' basement. Who needs to go places when you've got Mom?

**7.** You can save money by making your own clothes out of garbage bags and duct tape. (This will also save you money on dating.)

**6.** If you get gum in your hair, you can get it out with a simple trick: Just cover the gum in peanut butter, add 1/3 cup sugar and 2 eggs, and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serves four.

**5.** Spill red wine on the carpet? Finish the bottle and you won't care anymore.

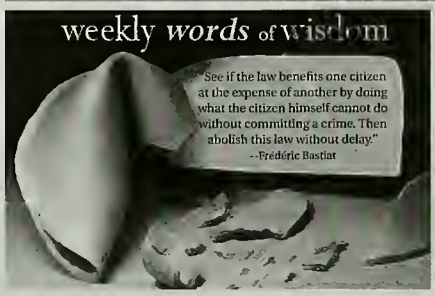
**4.** If you live in a building that doesn't allow dogs, consider buying a smaller pet, like a hamster, a goldfish, or a swarm of bees.

**3.** No time to clean the mildew in the shower? Just ignore it until it evolves into a new form of intelligent life. If you're lucky, it will make you its god.

**2.** Guys, if you've recently lost some hair, try retracing your steps. Where did you see it last? Did you check behind the couch?

**1.** The best way to baby proof a house is to board up the doors and windows. I'd like to see a baby get in here now!

## weekly *words* of wisdom




## Sudoku

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## Answers to last week's Sudoku

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# Horoscopes

By Douglas Schmidt

**Aries** Mar 21- Apr 19
Your advisor was just kidding. Even if you major in women's studies, you can't get a bachelorette degree.

**Taurus** Apr 20- May 20
No mater how much time you spend researching genealogy, you will never get those three wishes.

**Gemini** May 21- June 20
You will regret slapping that guy at the deli when you realize that a "panini" is a kind of sandwich.

**Cancer** June 21- July 22
You will be very excited to see an ad for "Bass Player Auditions," until you remember that you play the trout.

**Leo** July 23- Aug 22
Emily Dickinson once wrote, "Hope is the thing with feathers." Apparently, she'd never heard of vultures.

**Virgo** Aug 23- Sep 22
You will lose your job at the Coca-Cola Company when no one buys the new "chunky style" Dasani.

**Libra** Sep 23- Oct 22
The children are our future, which is why I use them as fuel for my time machine.

**Scorpio** Oct 22- Nov 21
The quickest way to get more self-esteem is to take it from other people.

**Sagittarius** Nov22- Dec 21
You will spend ten years earning a black belt in karate, only to decide that it doesn't go with your brown shoes.

**Capricorn** Dec 22- Jan19
If a picture is worth a thousand words, your Facebook is like someone saying "dillweed" over and over again.

**Aquarius** Jan 20- Feb 18
This week, you will finally work up the courage to admit that you have a crush on your boss. Unfortunately, Colonel Sanders has been dead for years.

**Pisces** Feb 19- Mar 20
This weekend, you will discover that a "restraining order" isn't nearly as much fun as it sounds.

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# IPFW professor publishes poetry book, encourages students to write

*Curtis Crisler, a visiting professor, illustrates rebirth of creativity through determination*

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"There is an isolation in writing, but if you're willing to accept it, there's also a community," states Curtis Crisler, in a recent interview about his career as a writer. Crisler, a visiting professor of creative writing here at IPFW, recently published his first book of poems, ***Tough Boy Sonatas***.

Crisler spoke much about creative writing and its relation to its audience, both in inception and throughout the process. Indeed, he was inspired to further his writing career after taking several English classes and achieving positive reviews from his peers and teachers.

Crisler was also propelled into writing after becoming dissatisfied with his prior major, journalism, as he didn't like how editors would "cut up his stories."

After graduating from IPFW with BA in English a minor in theatre, Crisler pursued an MFA in poetry at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Through his graduate work, Crisler began to take part in more poetry workshops.

These workshops were truly generative to him, though he warned new writers that it was a process one had to get used to. He was "beat up so long through the process" that work-shopping wasn't damaging to his writing ambitions.

In fact, the process was great because it offered writers the chance to receive constructive criticism from both peers and more experienced poets.

When asked what was the best advice to give aspiring writers, Crisler said "The best thing to do... is to read and write."

For him, it is imperative to read as much as possible and to learn as much about the writers one reads as well. Reading will encourage one to try out new writing techniques and emulate the various writers.

However, it isn't enough to imitate; one has to make a technique his own. Crisler compared this experience to a band doing a cover song. When approaching a song, one has to keep its strengths, but also incorporate the strengths of the band into the song.

In talking about writing, Crisler also mentioned how one sometimes has to rely on the whims of serendipity.

Finding a good editor and group of peers to review poems are only met by chance. One will never know where you will meet someone who will influence you, so it's important to keep your eyes and ears open.

In fact, a chance encounter led Crisler to getting ***Tough Boy Sonatas*** published. While attending a poetry workshop, one of the facilitators of the workshop asked Crisler for more of his work.

He handed over his poetry manuscript without giving much thought of much happening.

Fortunately, the facilitator then showed the manuscript to his now publisher who encouraged him to publish the compilation.

# "Baby Mama" roars into theaters: Tina Fey and Amy Poehler's chemistry makes storyline believable

By RUDI GREENBERG
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Post-Will Ferrell "Saturday Night Live" has had its highs and lows, but one thing shone above all the others: Weekend Update with Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. "Baby Mama" reunites the duo in a chick flick as funny as it is sentimental.

Fey, in her first leading film role ("Mean Girls" doesn't count; Fey may have written it, but Lindsay Lohan stole the show), stars as Kate Holbrook, the youngest vice president at Whole Foods knockoff Round Earth, who has just been tapped to spearhead Round Earth's new flagship store in Philadelphia. She's a successful, 37-year-old single woman, but she's unfulfilled -- Kate wants a baby. But alas, Kate tries to conceive artificially nine times to no avail, and her doctor tells her she has a "one in a million chance of conception."

So, Kate opts to hire a surrogate. The fee? $100,000. The surrogate? The Or. Pepper-drinking, ignorant-thinking, white-trash-looking Angie (Poehler, "Saturday Night Live"). Enter baby mama drama.

Angie rolls up to Kate's swank Pfiladelphia apartment in a trashed Suzuki with her common-law husband Carl (Dax Shepard). "He never asked me to be his wife, but he never didn't ask me. So, it's going pretty well," Angie explains. But then, the marriage goes bad and Angie, now carrying Kate's baby, shows up at Kate's apartment and effectively moves in.

Kate and Angie live together as a modern-day odd couple -- the strict, neat, healthy and career-driven Kate trying to tame the immature, messy, junk food-eating and TV-watching Angie. They learn to live together and even become friends -- a task that isn't so hard, considering the pair's chemistry. Fey and Poehler could go down as one of the great comedic teams if they continue to make movies together - the dichotomy between the two works extremely well. Fey is the straight man to Poehler's wackiness.

When Angie decides she's going to be Kate's surrogate, she reads Kate's energy (something she's apparently good at) and likes what she sees. "Kate, I want you to put your baby inside of me," she says. "Angie, I'm going to put my baby inside you," Kate replies. Then, the pair embraces as the sun sets. That scene, plus the following insemination scene, defines the chemistry between the two. It doesn't matter if both characters have elements that are a tad unrealistic - - Fey and Poehler work so well together they make the characters more believable.

One might assume that with Lorne Michaels aboard as executive producer and a host of "SNL" cast members and alumni throughout the film, Fey wrote "*Baby Mama*" like she did "Mean Girls," but surprisingly, she didn't. The man behind "Baby Mama" is Michael McCullers ("Enough About Me"), a former "SNL" writer who was also one of the writers behind Mike Myers's "Austin Powers" trilogy. McCullers gets his first chance to direct here, and he does a formidable job. He makes some of the more ridiculous scenes (Angie's insemination) work, and manages to strike a good balance between absurdity and reality.

There's also an excellent supporting cast, with Steve Martin (The Pink Panther) stealing the show as Barry, the CEO of Round Earth. Martin's character sports a graying ponytail and talks about essences and out-of-the-box ideas. He's the extreme caricature of the corporate hippie. So, what is Barry's reason for opening a flagship Round Earth store in Philadelphia? "I was swimming with the dolphins in Costa Rica this morning when I realized, 'I'm a great man, and great men do great things.'" Barry's pearls of wisdom dominate every scene he's a part of.

*"It doesn't matter if both characters have elements that are a tad unrealistic — Fey and Poehler work so well together they make the characters more believable."*

Greg Kinnear ("Feast Of Love") also shines as the owner of an independent juice shop -- like Jamba Juice -- in the neighborhood the new Round Earth is moving into. Shepard, who famously got his starr in Hollywood as a prankster on "Punk'd," isn't in the film much, but when he is, he has the redneck persona down pat. Romany Malco ("Weeds"), who plays Oscar, Kate's apartment building's bellhop, is also funny as portraying the stereotypical black man with his own baby mama drama.

Baby Mama is an excellent film that straddles the line between chick-flick and straight comedy. While the film is aimed at thirty-somethings more than college kids, the film's humor can resonate with anyone. "Baby Mama" has the chance to propel both Fey and Poehler to stardom beyond their TV personas, and with how good they are in this movie, it looks like both are ready for it.

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# Granite C

## Growls Into Fort W

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Every morning at Granite City Food & Brewery, located at 3809 Coldwater Rd., manager Matt Burrous is busy micro brewing a small, but powerful range of beers suited to every mood. Burrous lovingly creates these beers every day, whether he is to be in the restaurant or not.

It may be because Granite City's microbrewery has a patented brew process called "Beverage Leverage", or as the staff has lovingly dubbed it, "Fermentus Interruptus." The process is complicated, beginning in a wart house in Iowa, where water undergoes detailed treatment to get the perfect flavor . . . long before hops are added.

"Great beer making is a process, and it's very precise for this restaurant," said Burrous.

If the meticulousness of beer production is any indicator, it should be pointed out that the rest of the Granite City is just as meticulous.

Beginning at the door, greeters are there to smile and open the door for patrons, and though there was a wait, it was pleasant in the heated foyer where conversation can spontaneously erupt between groups of people.

The wait time was almost exactly what the hostess calculated, and my dining companion and I were ushered and greeted immediately by our server. Though it took a little longer than usual to receive our drinks and appetizer, the wait was pleasant as the wait staff

and management were friendly and fun. And the appetizer (Monterey Crab Wontons) was worth the wait.

Remember at the Chinese restaurants when you order Crab Rangoon and you get a wad of cream cheese with "crab" flecks? The Monterey Crab Wontons are the antithesis. Mounds of blue swimming crab were folded in with a bit of cream cheese and spices, and fried to golden brown. They were fresh, hot and delicious, though I would have chosen a different sauce than honey mustard to complement the flavors.

Though Granite City has a full range of dining options from salads to steaks and seafood, my dining companion and I ordered burgers. We chose the Buffalo Burger (with only 4 grams of fat), and the Bleu Peppercorn Burger, and both were cooked to the proper temperatures, and were big, juicy and delicious. We chose waffle fries as sides, and while they were flavorful and decent, but next time I will get a salad instead.

The real highlight of the meal was definitely the "little" chocolate cake: the first bite sent shivers of delight down to my toes, and the homemade whipped cream was heavenly. And the whiskey butter sauce was no slouch, either. But the proverbial cherry on top of this dessert was the Broad Axe Stout beer that finished off the cake wonderfully, and I wasn't sure if the euphoric feeling was my dining companion, the burgers or the beers. Either way, the combination was intoxicating.

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# Philharmonic presents award to music educator

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The Fort Wayne Philharmonic Music Educators Award was presented to Edward Keene from Northside High School for his thirty plus years in the field of music education. As a reward, he received five hundred dollars, with a matching gift of five hundred dollars that went to his school for use towards musical needs.

The first piece of the night was Beethoven's Piano Concerto no. 1, and was performed by Jeremy Denk. This Annandale-on-Hudson pianist was called in last minute when Orli Shaham, the originally anticipated soloist, was unable to perform due to illness.

Denk did a masterful job with the concerto. Originally written in 1795, this concerto was full of Mozart-like runs and trills, yet still held some of the resolute determination of Beethoven. Tremendously expressive both in music and in his actions, Denk stomped pedals, threw his hands above his head, and rippled slithering chromatic scales in the first movement. The second movement was more graceful, with a slow opening. Its waltz-like tempo took a touch of grand ceremony, then soft string pizzicatos. The third movement again was vigorous, full of a fanfare-like sound. With great facility, Denk played with his hands crossing over, creating ringing arpeggios and driving the movement to a rousing finish.

The audience responded with an instantaneous standing ovation. Denk bowed, then announced his encore, an Ives sonata. "He was a great American composer, of course," noted Denk on Ives, "and also a great fan of Beethoven!" This piece was a spin on Beethoven's fifth symphony juxtaposed with a children's chorus. The piece was akin to elevator music, with a Beethoven flavor spun out in Debussy-like chords – pleasant, albeit different.

Following the intermission, the Philharmonic played the Symphony No. 2 in e minor, op. 27 by Rachmaninoff. Led by Conductor Edvard Tchivzhel, this piece had an open, vibrant sound, as though the orchestra was dispersed about the auditorium instead of sitting on the stage. The first movement was a meandering lament, with sweeping strings.

During the second movement, a frantic brass call traveled into the string section, to be echoed by the xylophone. A sweeter melody started in the third movement, evoking thoughts of glimmering starshine as the tune wound itself around the inner melody. In the final movement, the wheeling strings, brass and cymbals made a festive cacophony.

# Helpful hints for conserving gas

By STEPHANIE SAMPLES
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With gas prices constantly rising it is becoming more and more necessary for everyone to find new ways to conserve gas. Although there are the conventional options like hybrid cars or vehicles that can run on other fluids such as hemp or cooking oil, both of these changes are very costly. In an effort to help those who do not have these high-cost options, there have been Web sites created that give tips on how to conserve gas with the car you have now.

Running all errands at the same time, no unnecessary trips, carpooling, and taking a bike or walking whenever possible is common sense.

The "how to conserve gas" Web sites offer tips that may not be of common knowledge. On the website www.autotrader.com under Lifestyle Central there are several tips on how to conserve gas.

One of the uncommon tips is called Proper Maintenance, which is just inexpensive do-it-yourself maintenance.

**As gas prices soar, more resources become available for tips on how to save fuel.**

This includes replacing your air-filter and properly inflating your tires, and using only the necessary octane, all of which can make a big impact on one's fuel economy. In addition, using the proper weight of oil and performing scheduled tune-ups can make noticeable improvements in gas conservation as well.

On the same website there is a tip that many people might overlook.

Another tip is to buy a locking gas cap. Reports from several automotive parts stores report whenever a spike in gas prices occurs they see a run on locking gas caps. Many of the people purchasing them tell the clerks the same story: "I went out in the morning and my tank had been drained." Buying a new gas cap may not be necessary, but is a smart investment for those who live in apartment complexes, or park outside for an extended amount of time.

Another helpful Web site is www.farmersalmanac.com. Located under the home and garden tab there is a list of very helpful tips such as emptying your trunk or truck bed. According to this website, "every 200 pounds of unnecessary weight reduces mileage by one mile per gallon." The site also points out that the best time to buy gasoline is during the coolest times of the day—early morning or late evening. During those times gasoline is densest.

Another tip is to use cruise control whenever possible, if you have it. By using cruise control, one can potentially gain 5 to 10 percent per gallon of gas on long trips.

The previously mentioned tips are all effective ways to conserve gas and as a result save money. With no sign of gas prices decreasing it is important to utilize these Web sites and the tips on them, as well as doing extensive research on fuel efficiency when buying a new or used car.

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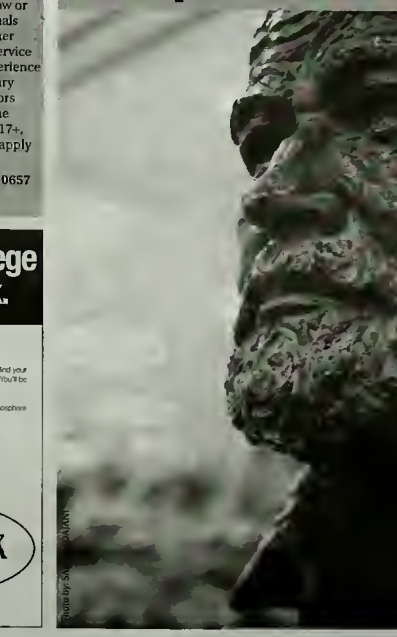

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Hate speech, otherwise know as antilocution, can lead to worse things. According to Dr. Walther, a faculty member of the IPFW Sociology Department, antilocution allows for verbal remarks to be made about a group, people, or community. This leads to discrimination that is acceptable by the general population or society. Once derogatory verbal remarks become acceptable, it is a very short step to defining a person, group, or community in negative terms or as the other. However, when derogatory verbal remarks become acceptable to a society, the society may define the person, group, or community may lead to other damaging forms of behavior such as hate crimes and genocides.

Research about hate crimes and genocide find that the person or group committing the hate crime or genocide must first hold negative views of the person, group, or community. Now, one may ask what can the campus do to eradicate or eliminate hate speech.

First, interrupt the person saying the derogatory term or phrase and educate them on what they just said and how it hurts people. Second, invite the person to attend a Safe Zone for Students workshop to learn more about homophobia and oppression. If you would like to learn more, email szstprog@ipfw.edu. Interrupt hate speech every time.

# Athletic Notebook and Wrap

■ Final notes from a week in IPFW sports and some athletic department news and information

### Golf signs Peru, IN native

As his senior year winds down, Peru golf standout John McMillen has a lot to think about, including leading his team back to the IHSAA State Finals.

One thing he doesn't have to worry about anymore is where he'll being go to college. McMillen signed to play golf for IPFW on Thursday. The signing made him the third Miami County golfer in the past two years to go Division I, joining teammate Brad Smith (Ohio State) and Maconaquah's Michael Powell (IUPUI).

### Softball game cancelled

The IPFW vs. North Dakota State softball game has been cancelled due to snow in Fargo, North Dakota. There will be no makeup date for this game.

The Mastodons' next scheduled contest is on Wednesday, April 30 when the team hosts the Raiders of Wright State University in a double header slated to begin at 3:00 PM.

### Simon's team needs wins

Despite losing their last game 77-74, IPFW alum David Simon will likely be seeing his team JDA Dijon (France) making the playoffs.

The team has won two of their last four games and is three points away from the final playoff spot.

Included in their finals three games are battles with #5 Le Havre and top ranked Le Mans. JDA Dijon has not played Le Mans since the very first game of the season, which they lost 79-74.

### Mastodon Stomp successful

IPFW Health and Wellness held another successful Mastodon Stomp 5K this past Saturday on campus.

The thirteenth annual event had around 450 participants this year. The event consists of a 5K run, a non-competitive 5K walk and two events for children; a 1-mile kids stomp and 100 meter dash for kids under 6.

The Mastodon Stomp proceeds benefit the IPFW Cross Country and Track and Field Teams. The Mastodon Stomp is dedicated to Tony Laux, 1996 IPFW Cross Country runner.

Laux died in 2004 while in Puerto Rico with the men's volleyball team.

### IPFW to co-host Run 'N Slam

The IPFW Hilliard Gates Sports Center will be one 11 sites used to host the Spiece Run 'N Slam Classic this coming weekend.

Courts at IPFW will be used on Friday and Saturday and will be closed for all other purposes during that time.

The Run 'N Slam Classic is an AAU event in honor of the late Bill Hensley, a pioneer in recreational basketball nationwide. Admission for the event is $5 on Friday, $20 on Saturday and $5 for Sunday's single elimination tournaments at Spiece Fieldhouse.

A team coached by Communicator Sports Editor Dan Vance, the Fort Wayne Players, will play their first game on Friday night at IPFW. Their game against Northwest Ohio tips at 7:30 pm on IPFW court #14.

# Volleyball Final Four will be IPFW-less

For the first time since 2005, the men's volleyball Final Four is set and without IPFW in the fight.

Conference rivals Ohio State will represent the MIVA after a 3-0 sweep of Loyola last Thursday and another sweep of Ball State on Saturday. Loyola was the team that knocked IPFW out of the postseason, 3-2.

This is the first time since 2003 that the MIVA's top seed won the conference tournament. That Lewis Flyer team ended up forfeiting that title due to NCAA recruiting violations.

The Buckeyes were named the four-seed on Sunday and will face top-seeded Penn State in the semi-finals.

The Nittany Lions are ranked #1 in the country and defeated the Mastodons themselves just two weeks ago on Senior Night. Penn State won their 10th straight EIVA Tournament. This will be Penn State's 23rd trip to the Final Four although they have not won the National Title since 1994.

The 2-3 matchup will be between Pepperdine and Long Beach State. The Waves of Pepperdine, who lost in last year's semi to IPFW, won the MPSF title on Saturday night, defeating BYU.

Long Beach State, the #1 seed in the MPSF tournament, lost to Pepperdine in the semi-finals but will earn the at-large bid into the Final Four.


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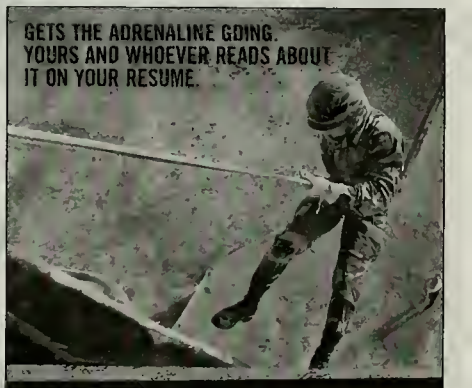


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# Is this the best time for a volleyball change?

## In All Directions

By DAN VANCE
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In the past five years, IPFW has experienced many changes including an influx of young coaches. Since the fall of 2002, when the program became fully Division I certified, only four coaches have left the school.

That low number leaves me expectant that will change in coming years. The biggest and most important change that could come in that area is the retirement of Arnie Ball, whenever that may occur.

When it comes to coaches at IPFW, mens volleyball coaches nationwide and pretty much coaching in general, Arnie Ball is in a certain class of his own.

When you have been at a school for almost 30 years and are one of the winningest coaches in your sport, there is never a "right time" to walk away. But the fact is that eventually, Arnie will choose to do so. And when he does, I pray that it is the right way because Arnie Ball is the epitome of IPFW athletics and should always be remembered that way.

There has always been talk of who would replace Arnie when he retires from the sport he has helped define. Will it be son Lloy when he retires from professional and Olympic play? How about assistant Ryan Perrotte, who seems like he has been groomed well for the replacement?

But most importantly, when is the best time? As I said before, there is no right time. So when would it be best to hand over the reigns?

And as much as I respect and like Coach Ball (and as much as he'll adimently disagree with my next assessment), I believe that this is the best time to leave IPFW in the capable hands of either replacment. Though, I am all for Ryan Perrotte.

Coach and I have had some disagreements over the years, so I expect him to yell at me for this, I really do. But it is nothing personal. Hell, if I had what I considered a family in IPFW athletics after covering them for six years, Arnie would easily be the dad.

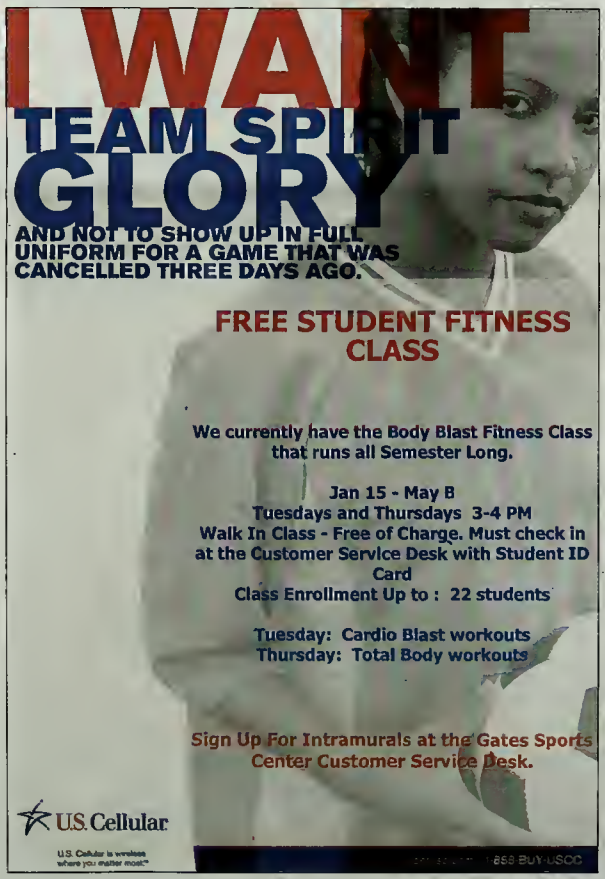
But think about this:

Coach Ball is fresh off of back-to-back Final Four appearances, the school's first National Runner-Up finish, a 2007 AVCA Coach of the Year honor and saying goodbye to seven seniors (the most for IPFW in quite sometime).

As it stands now, there will be just two seniors in 2009. The team is quite young with only two starters returning. And those who are still around have quite the relationship with Perrotte. The next couple of years will be a rebuilding time for the mens volleyball program. I think it could be best to let someone else rebuild. No, Arnie would not be going out on top, and I know he wants to win a National title pretty damn bad. But this may be the closest to going out on top that he may ever get.

I'm not saying I want Arnie to leave. On the contrary, I would love for him to stay forever. And coach, if I still have you reading my articles all these years later, let me say that I have truly enjoyed every second of covering you, talking to and interviewing you. I really do hope that you continue to coach at IPFW forever. Because as long as you coach, I will definantly be in the stands watching you do it.

Since I won't be here when he does hang up the clipboard, I do truly hope that IPFW gives Arnie the caring and emotional parting that he deserves. Because when it does happen, Mastodon athletics will never be the same again.




# *IPFW falls flat vs. Notre Dame at Memorial Stadium*

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish capitalized on four IPFW errors to shutout the Mastodons, 5-0 on Wednesday night at Memorial Stadium.

The Irish only outhit IPFW, 10-7, but three of those hits came in a first inning rally that plated three.

Notre Dame got RBI's from center fielder A.J. Pollack, Jeremy Barnes, and Billy Boockford. Those three runs chased IPFW senior starter Ben Boehne after on two-thirds of an inning.

The Mastodons turned to sophomore reliever Matt Ransbottom to stop the bleeding, and Ransbottom answered the call.

In the third, Ransbottom got the leadoff hitter to fly out to left. He also induced two fly balls by the next two batters and should have been out of the inning, 1-2-3. However, the Mastodons dropped both routine fly balls to extend the inning.

Boockford made them pay with a two-run double to left center, making it 5-0.

Those would be the final runs of the game as Ransbottom and fellow relievers Sam Walker and Matt Antos kept Notre Dame off the board the rest of the way.

On the flip side, Irish starter Ryan Sharpley worked out of a pair of jams early. He left with the 5-0 lead after six innings. He gave way to Steven Mazur in the seventh and Tony Lanford in the eighth.

Sharpley gave up three hits over six complete, striking out six Mastodons and walking three for his third win of the season (3-1). Mazure gave up a hit in his only inning of work, and Langford gave up three hits in the combined shutout.

IPFW shortstop Mark Carden, center fielder Jared Davis, and right fielder Garrett Segraves each had a pair of hits for the Mastodons.

Boehne took the loss (1-2).

Boockford was 4-5 with three RBI for Notre Dame (27-10-1).

### IPFW versus Centenary

The Mastodons played four games with visiting Summit League opponent Centenary over the weekend, splitting the series.

IPFW routed the Gents on Friday before losing both games of a double header on Saturday. IPFW took a 3-2 win in Sunday's finale, keeping them in striking range of a postseason birth.

IPFW opened the scoring in the 3rd inning as left fielder Quentin Brown scored on a two-out RBI single from catcher Devin Taylor.

# Mastodons shot down in Summit opener

The IPFW women's tennis team fell 4-2 to the Southern Utah University Thunderbirds on Friday evening in a marathon-match. The team dropped their Summit League tournament opener in a match that lasted over three hours, and finished at 11:15 PM.

Things looked promising for the Mastodons, as they took the doubles point after 8-4 wins at No. 1 and No. 2 pairs. The duo of Ashley Coulson and Stacy Lish won at No. 1 with Amy Recht and Sachi Janek taking No. 2. The doubles win looked promising for IPFW, as the squad was 19-1 in matches in which they win the doubles point.

Southern Utah evened the score at one point apiece with a win at No. 3 singles, before Recht continued her winning streak, taking her 16th straight singles match, the last six in straight sets, and this one 6-4, 6-0.

With the `Dons up 2-1, the rest of the night belonged to the Thunderbirds, as the visitors from Cedar City, Utah, picked up a 7-5, 6-1 win at No. 4, before Kateryna Drynova won a hard-fought battle at No. 2 over Sachi Janek by a 6-3, 7-5 score. Southern Utah picked up their final win at No. 5, where Carmen Blanco out-lasted IPFW's Hanna Hager by a 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 score, securing the win and advancing the Thunderbirds to the tournament championship game.

With the loss, IPFW falls to 19-9 to wrap up their season.

Top-seeded Oral Roberts blanked Southern Utah 4-0 Saturday afternoon to win the Summit League Championship.

**LEADER: Amy Recht concluded her first season with the 'Dons with a 6-4, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles, improving her season record to 31-5**

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### Singles Results

No. 1 – Amy Recht (IPFW) def. Kirrily Burden (SUU) 6-4, 6-0

No. 2 – Kateryna Drynova (SUU) def. Sachi Janek (IPFW) 6-3, 7-5

No. 3 – Martha Kruk (SUU) def. Ashley Coulson (IPFW) 6-2, 6-1

No. 4 – Emmi Nelson-Bulloch (SUU) def. Stacy Lish (IPFW) 7-5, 6-1

No. 5 – Carmen Blanco (SUU) def. Hanna Hager (IPFW) 6-3, 5-7, 6-1

No. 6 – Mollee Carpenter (IPFW) led Kristi Latteier (SUU) 3-6, 7-5 (DNF)

# IPFW student-athletes recognized nationally for Academic Progress Rate numbers

Two IPFW athletic teams have been honored by the NCAA in its annual Division 1 Academic Progress Rate (APR) Public Recognition Awards, released by the governing body in Indianapolis, Indiana.

IPFW's women's volleyball and men's cross country teams each ranked in the top 10 percent within their respective sports nationwide among NCAA Division-I programs for their academic progress rate as determined by the NCAA.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete. The APR includes eligibility, retention and graduation in the calculation and provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport.

"IPFW Athletics is very proud of the overall academic success that our student-athletes and teams continue to achieve on a yearly basis," IPFW Director of Athletics Tommy Bell said.

"This honor for our Women's Volleyball and Men's Cross Country teams could not be possible without a concerted effort between our student-athletes, athletic academic counseling team, coaches, and the outstanding faculty of IPFW."

IPFW Athletic Department Faculty Academic Representative Dr. Elliot Blumenthal echoed Bell's comments.

"IPFW's Student Athletes have worked extremely hard over the past four years to maintain an overall grade point average of greater than 3.0. In our first year of play in the Summit League they have also demonstrated their outstanding ability to compete successfully at the Division I level."